

The Correct Way of Performing Salat ul Janazah {Funeral Prayer}

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1. Perform Wadhu (Ablution). ⁽¹⁾
2. Complete conditions of Salah. ⁽²⁾
3. Stand towards the direction of Qibla. ⁽³⁾
4. Say Takbeer (Allahu Akber). ⁽⁴⁾
5. Raise your hands (Rafa ul Yadain) with Takbeer. ⁽⁵⁾
6. Place your right hand on your left Zara'. ⁽⁶⁾
7. Place your right hand on your left hand on the chest. ⁽⁷⁾
8. Read أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ السَّمِيعِ الْعَلِيمِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ مِنْ هَمْزِهِ ⁽⁸⁾

9. Read

(9) بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

10. Read Surah al Fatiha. ⁽¹⁰⁾
11. Say Ameen. ⁽¹¹⁾

12. Read

(12) بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

13. Read one Surah. ⁽¹³⁾
14. Then say Takbeer and raise your hands (do Rafa ul Yadain). ⁽¹⁴⁾

¹. Hadith: "There is no prayer without Wadhu" Muslim 224/1 (535) also see Sahih Bukhari: 6251.

². Hadith: "Pray as You Have Seen Me praying" related by Bukhari: 631.

³. Mawsoo'a't al Ijma fee al-fiqhul islamee (Vol. 2 Page: 704) and see Sahih Bukhari: 6251.

⁴. Abdur Razzaq in al Musnaf (489,490/3 Hadith: 6428) chain: Sahih, and Authenticated by Ibn Jarood by the narration in al Musqa (540).

Saying Niyyah (Intention) by tongue for Funeral Prayer is not established.

⁵. From Nafi, he said, "He (Ibn Umer) raised his hands in every Takbeer in Janazah (Funeral Prayer)". (Ibn Abi Shaybah in al Musnaf 296/3 H: 11380 Chain: Sahih)

⁶. Al-Bukhari: 740 and Imam Malik in Mua'tta: 159/1 H: 377

⁷. Ahmad in Musnad: 226/5 H: 223/3 Chain: Hasan, and from Ibn Jawzee in al-Tahqeeq: 283/1 H: 477)

Note: - This Hadith is Mutlaq about Salah and in which Funeral Prayer is also Included because Funeral prayer is also a prayer.

⁸. Sunan Abi Dawud: 775 Chain: Hasan.

⁹. An Nasa'i: 906 Chain: Sahih and Authenticated by Ibn Khuzaimah: 499 and Ibn Hibban al-Ihsan: 1797, and al-Hakim Ala Sharti as-Shaykheen (on the Condition of Two Shaykhs I, e Bukhari & Muslim): 232/1 and Hafidh Adh-Dhahabi Agreed.

¹⁰. Al-Bukhari: 1335, and Abdur Razzaq in al-Musnaf: 489,490/3 H: 6428 and Ibn al-Jarood: 540.

☆ As Surah Fatiha is Quran so it should be read as Quran. Those who say in funeral prayer Surah al-Fatiha should not be read as Quran but should be read as dua, there saying is Wrong (Batil).

¹¹. An Nasa'i: 906 chain: Sahih, Ibn Hibban al-Ahsan: 1805 chain: Sahih.

¹². Muslim fee Sahihha: 400/53 and is Sahih and as-Shafi in al-Umm: 108/1 and Authenticated by al-Hakim on the Condition of Muslim: 233/2, and agreed by Adh-Dhahabi and Chain: Hasan

¹³. An-Nisa'i: 74,75/4 H: 1989 chain: Sahih.

15. Read Darood on Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم). ⁽¹⁵⁾ For Example:-

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ
اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ
(¹⁶)

16. Then say Takbeer (¹⁷) and raise your hands (do Rafa ul Yadain). (¹⁸)

17. Read especially dua for the dead. (¹⁹)

Some Duas are:-

« اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا وَصَغِيرِنَا وَكَبِيرِنَا وَذَكَرِنَا وَأُنْثَانَا اللَّهُمَّ مِنْ
أَحْيَيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَأَحْيِهِ عَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ وَمِنْ تَوَفَّيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَتَوَفَّهُ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ » (²⁰)
« اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لَهُ وَارْحَمْهُ وَعَافِهِ وَاعْفُ عَنْهُ وَأَكْرِمْ نُزُلَهُ وَوَسِّعْ مَدْخَلَهُ وَاغْسِلْهُ بِالْمَاءِ
وَالثَّلْجِ وَالْبَرْدِ وَنَقِّهِ مِنَ الْخَطَايَا كَمَا نَقَّيْتَ الثَّوْبَ الْأَبْيَضَ مِنَ الدَّنَسِ وَأَبْدَلْهُ دَارًا خَيْرًا
مِنْ دَارِهِ وَأَهْلًا خَيْرًا مِنْ أَهْلِهِ وَزَوْجًا خَيْرًا مِنْ زَوْجِهِ وَأَدْخِلْهُ الْجَنَّةَ وَأَعِذْهُ مِنْ عَذَابِ
الْقَبْرِ أَوْ مِنْ عَذَابِ النَّارِ » (²¹)

« اللهم إن فلان بن فلان في ذمتك ، وحبل جوارك ، فأعذه من فتنه القبر وعذاب
النار ، وأنت أهل الوفاء والحق ، اللهم اغفر له ، إنك أنت الغفور الرحيم » (²²)

¹⁴. Al-Bukharī: 1334 and Muslim: 952, Ibn Abi Shaybah: 296/3 H: 11380, Chain: Sahih, from Ibn Umer (رضي الله تعالى عنه).

Besides Ibn Umer (رضي الله تعالى عنه) from Makhoor, Zuhri, Qayes bin Abi Hazim, Nafi bin Jubair, Hasan Basri and others raising hands (Rafa ul Yadain) in funeral prayer is established see al-Hadith (Monthly): 3 (P. 20) and this is the saying of Jamhoor and this is established, also see "Janazeh kya Masa'il" Fiqr No.:3

¹⁵. Abdur Razzaq in al-Musnaf: 489,490/3 H: 6428, Chain: Sahih.

¹⁶. Al-Bukharī: 3370, and al Bayhaquee in Sunan al-Kubra 148/2 H: 2856.

¹⁷. Al-Bukharī: 1334 and Muslim: 952.

¹⁸. Ibn Abi Shaybah: 296/3 H: 11380, Chain: Sahih.

¹⁹. Abdur Razzaq in al Musnaf: 6428, Chain: Sahih and Ibn Hibban in Saheeha, al Mawaarid: 754 and Abu Dawud: 3199, Chain: Hasan.

Note: - This means that dua is in the funeral prayer see: **بَاب مَا جَاءَ فِي الدُّعَاءِ فِي الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى الْجَنَازَةِ** (Ibn Majah: 1497).

²⁰. At-Trimidhi: 1024, Chain: Sahih & Abu Dawud: 3201.

²¹. Sahih Muslim: 963/85 accord. To the numbering of Darrusalaam: 2232.

²². Ibn al Munzir in a-Awsat 441/5 H: 3173, Chain: Sahih and Abu Dawud: 3202.

« اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّهُ عَبْدُكَ وَابْنُ عَبْدِكَ وَابْنُ أَمَتِكَ كَانَ يَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُكَ وَرَسُولُكَ وَأَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كَانَ مُحْسِنًا فَزِدْ فِي إِحْسَانِهِ وَإِنْ كَانَ مُسِيئًا فَتَجَاوَزْ عَنْ سَيِّئَاتِهِ اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَحْرِمْنَا أَجْرَهُ وَلَا تَفْتِنَّا بَعْدَهُ » (23)

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّهُ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ » (24)

« اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا وَصَغِيرِنَا وَكَبِيرِنَا وَذَكَرِنَا وَأُنْثَانَا وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ تَوَقَّيْتَهُ مِنْهُمْ فَتَوَقَّهِ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ وَمَنْ أَبْقَيْتَهُ مِنْهُمْ فَأَبْقِهِ عَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ » (25)

« اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِهَذِهِ النَّفْسِ الْحَنِيفِيَّةِ الْمُسْلِمَةِ , وَاجْعَلْهَا مِنَ الَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَاتَّبَعُوا سَبِيلَكَ وَقَهَا عَذَابَ الْجَحِيمِ » (26)

18. There is no specific Dua to be recited on the Dead. (27)

19. Then Say Takbeer. (28)

20. Then Say Salaam towards Right. (29)

23. Malik in al-Mua'tta: 228/1, H: 536, Chain: Sahih from Abu Hurairah (رضي الله تعالى عنه) Mawqoof.

24. Malik in al-Mua'tta: 228/1, H: 537, Chain: Sahih from Abu Hurairah (رضي الله تعالى عنه) Mawqoof. Abu Hurairah recited this dua on the dead body of a small child.

25. Ibn Abi Shaybah: 293/3, H: 11361, from Abdullah bin Salaam (رضي الله تعالى عنه) Mawqoof Chain: Hasan.

26. Ibn Abi Shaybah: 295/3, H: 11366, Chain: Sahih and it is Mawqoof on Habeeb bin Muslimah (رضي الله تعالى عنه).

27. Ibn Abi Shaybah: 295/3, H: 11370, from Saeed ibn al Musaiib and ash-Shabee: 11371, from Muhammad (bin Sireen) and others from Aathar (narrations) of Taaba'een said: "No Dua is specific for dead" and this is Sahih from them.

28. Al-Bukhari: 1334 & Muslim: 952.

29. Abdur Razzaq in al-Musnaf: 489/3, H: 6428, Chain: Sahih: and it is Marfoo: Ibn Abi Shaybah: 307/3, H: 11491, from ibn Umer (رضي الله تعالى عنه), who did this, Chain: Sahih.

Note: - In Funeral Prayer saying Salaam on both sides is not established from Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم) and Suhaabah (رضي الله تعالى عنهم اجمعين). Sheikh al-Albani has mentioned in Ahkam al-Jana'iz (P: 127) narration about saying salaam on both sides from Biyhagee (43/4) and said it is Hasan. But it is weak due to two reasons:

(I). Hamad bin Abi Sulaiman is Mukhtalit and this narration is not from the narration before Ikhtilaat.

(II). Above mentioned Hamad is Mudali's also see Tabagaat al-Mudalliseen (2/45) and the narration is with Ann.

Imam Abdullah ibn Mubarak said: "The person who says two salaams in funeral prayer is Jaahil". (Masa'il Abi Dawud: P: 154, Chain: Sahih).